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CONGRESSMEN TRY TO AID WILLIAMS

NO EPIDEMIC OF DIPHTHERIA

Working to Quash Indictment. West Virginia Paper's Statement.

It was reported in a dispatch received from Washington last night by The Times-Dispatch that some of the Virginia Congressmen yesterday intervened with some of the West Virginia Representatives in behalf of Judge Samuel W. Williams. It was stated that an effort was on foot to secure the quashing of the indictment which charges Judge Williams with having committed a felonious assault upon former Judge J. M. Sanders.

What has become of the requisition for Judge Williams, which was issued last week by Governor William E. Glasscock, of West Virginia, is a problem which is being generally discussed. It has not as yet reached Governor Swanson.

It is suggested that perhaps the requisition will be held until the first day of the January term of the McDowell court, and that if Judge Williams is not then present it will be brought to Richmond and presented to Governor Swanson. No word was heard yesterday from Judge Williams or his friends.

West Virginians Angry.
The West Virginians papers are rather indignant at the implied statements to the effect that it is doubtful if the Virginia Attorney-General-elect can get a fair trial in that State. "The Bluefield Telegraph," in an article which was read with much interest in Richmond yesterday, discussed the situation at great length. The paper contends that "there is no intention on the part of county or State officials to persecute Mr. Williams," and that "he will be given a fair trial by white men, the greater part of the jury being made up of men who at one time claimed Virginia as their home." The judge who will sit in the case is a Virginian by birth, and is the prosecuting attorney. Even the assistant attorney is a native of Virginia.

The article concludes:
"The Governor of Virginia may refuse to grant the requisition asked for, but that will not relieve the McDowell court docket of the entry. All that McDowell county wants is a chance to show to every representative from Virginia who attends the case, and to every legal light in the State of Virginia, that McDowell county he will get as square and fair a trial by white men as was given to any man since the days of the origin of laws and courts."

OFFICERS ELECTED

Charles L. Wood Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge.
At the regular meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 36, A. F. and A. M., in the Masonic Temple last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Worshipful Master, C. L. Wood; Senior Warden, C. H. Schneider; Junior Warden, W. S. Gill; Treasurer, James C. Bowman; Secretary, Oscar J. Adams; Senior Deacon, J. A. Pampling; Junior Deacon, J. J. Mattern; Chaplain, H. C. Osterlind; A. G. G. Quarles; J. R. Pollard; J. L. Sutherland; J. P. Craddock; Stewards, J. L. Davis, A. L. Thomas, and A. Baker.

The outgoing master, C. E. Shepherd, was presented with a past master's jewel by Past Grand Master A. R. Courtney. A handsome jewel was also presented to Oscar J. Adams, who is also a past master, and has served his lodge as secretary for many years.

GOT TINY EARPHONES

Richmond Woman Pays Duty on Package From Abroad.
Customs collectors in Richmond were puzzled yesterday, on the receipt of a tiny pill box, to discover its contents. Even when the two tiny rubber plates were spread before them neither Collector Stewart nor any of his deputies could say just why a value of \$12 should have been estimated, and when the duty was found to be \$4.25 the collector was at a loss. The collector was notified that a package awaited identification and the payment of duty she announced that she would be downtown in a very few minutes. She explained that the articles were imported earphones, and had been ordered as soon as the funds are available.

Will Ask Hilda at Once.
At a meeting of the Committee on Electricity last night a report from Engineer Trafford on the progress of the work on the new plant was received. Hilda and pay rolls were ordered paid. Chairman Richardson was authorized to advertise for bids for the system poles and wires for street lighting in connection with the new plant as soon as the funds are available.

Contrary to General Report, There Are Fewer Cases Than Usual.

Contrary to the general reports that diphtheria is prevalent throughout the city, the records of the Board of Health yesterday showed only fifteen cases within the city limits, including the case of the girl taken from a Pullman train to the City Hospital on Sunday. The number shown is smaller than is usual at this time of the year, when young children are especially susceptible to all forms of throat contagion.

Two new cases were reported to the Health Board yesterday, and three were dismissed from the record as well. In the office of the Board of Health at the City Hall a number of great wall maps of the city are kept, one for each of the more dangerous forms of infectious diseases. Into these maps are inserted from day to day colored tacks to show the location of each patient in the city. A glance at the map shows that the fifteen cases of diphtheria are well distributed through the city, a few in the far West End, two together near Third and Franklin Streets, two or three cases in Richmond, and the remainder scattered over the wide area of Church Hill. The Board of Health continues its recommendation that all cases, even where there is even a suspicion of diphtheria, be reported at once, and that physicians should not wait for a well-developed culture before administering antitoxin, as the delay may prove dangerous.

ARREST NEGROES FOR STEALING VAUGHAN'S COW

William Wingfield and Richard Dennis, both colored, of the county jail, are charged with stealing a cow from another negro, Major Vaughan, Deputy Sheriff Traylor and Special Officer Hoff had to wade in water up to their knees to make the capture, but when the negroes found themselves in the hands of the law they confessed.

According to the confession and the testimony of others, the animal was driven to the first market in December, a butcher in the First Market, Ligon being suspicious advanced only 25 cents and reported the matter to the city police.

Southern Railway Earnings.

Estimated earnings of the Southern Railway for the first week in December show an increase of \$30,355 as compared with the corresponding week last year.

EXTRA DUTY DUE TO IGNORANCE

Collector Stewart Explains Law Regarding Shipments to Philippines.

Many inquiries have been made at the Richmond customs offices recently with reference to the method to be followed in sending shipments to the Philippines. Islands, and many complaints have been registered with the collector of this port by those who, in ignorance of the laws, have become responsible for extra duty charges. Hundreds of Virginians are employed in the Philippines, either in the government service, in private business or as enlisted men in the army, and consequently many packages are sent to and from the islands.

Until December 8, when the Treasury Department issued a special order with reference to this class of shipments, it was difficult even for experts to explain the methods of duty collections. The general impression prevailed that such importations were free of duty, but this is not entirely true.

Collector Stewart has been instructed that a certificate of origin must be secured at the custom-house here before any article of more than \$10 in value is sent out, or else the collector at the point of destination in the Philippines will be required to collect duty. The Philippine government does not require certificates of origin on mail shipments of less than \$10, which comply with the requirements of the law for free entry.

Certificates of origin will not be issued for mail shipments of the following articles: rice, opium or preparations of opium, articles subject to the Philippine internal revenue taxes, goods which are not the growth, produce or manufacture of the United States, and articles upon which drawback or customs duties have been claimed or allowed.

CAN'T LOAD BOAT FAST ENOUGH HERE

Owners and Agent of Quierda Complain About Stevedore Service.

SHOWS NEED OF WHARVES

Member of James River Committee Thinks City Should Own Water Front.

The lack of wharf facilities in Richmond was yesterday emphasized by complaints from James E. Abbe, Jr., of Newport News, who came here to investigate the delay in loading the steamer Quierda with lumber for Nova Scotia. Mr. Abbe contended, and in this is sustained by Winston, Miller & Clack, who supplied the lumber, that the steamer should have cleared on Monday with proper stevedore service, while the vessel now cannot proceed before to-morrow. The captain says that he has no other reason to complain, but that he cannot afford to come here again unless local facilities are improved.

Mr. Abbe said yesterday that he had received complaints from the Donald Steamship Company, of New York, owners of the vessel, about the delay. According to its representatives, about 60,000 feet of lumber are loaded daily when the Quierda should take aboard from 100,000 to 120,000 per day. This is due, it is asserted, to the lack of stevedores and the delay of the Southern Railway in placing cars at the wharf.

Not Enough Stevedores.
The facts as stated by Mr. Abbe are that William H. Curtis, dockmaster of the Southern Railway, failed to furnish the proper number of hands for loading, and that he refused to let others be brought here from Newport News for this purpose. Mr. Abbe added that the railroad shifts the cars only twice a day, leaving the men idle for several hours. He contrasts this with other ports at which the cars are unloaded, saying that it requires almost double the time to load here, predicting at the same time that it will eventually result in Richmond's losing the best part of its water trade from this fact alone.

The Quierda is too long and draws too much water to be accommodated in the dock, and is obliged to tie up at the Southern wharf, as there is no public wharf here. A prominent member of the James River Improvement Committee, in speaking of the matter last night, said:
"This case well illustrates the need of municipal wharves large enough to accommodate all vessels coming up the river and with such facilities as good service as can be had at any other port. This is the only way Richmond can retain its position as a port. Until this is accomplished we cannot expect to receive our share of the trade."

PROPOSES TO MARK JOHN TYLER'S GRAVE

Bill Introduced in Congress to Appropriate \$10,000 for That Purpose.

Senator Martin has taken charge of a movement for a suitable monument over the grave of former President John Tyler, in Hollywood Cemetery. A bill (Senate bill No. 3652) has been introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Martin, and is now before the Senate. The bill is worded as follows:
"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of \$10,000 be, and is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument over the grave of the late John Tyler, ex-President of the United States, in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va., which said sum shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of State, who shall have the management and control of the erection of said monument."

For many years it has been a subject of comment among visitors to the monument and to Hollywood that the grave of a former President of the United States is not suitably marked, and that over it stands no monument giving it proper prominence and dignity.

Bury Montrose Farm.

A deed was recorded in the county clerk's office yesterday morning conveying to Algonson S. Grant the Montrose farm, situated between Brook Run and Meadow Bridge Road, four and one-half miles from the city. The property was transferred by Nannie A. Grant and other members of the family of James H. Grant, deceased. The tract contains more than 350 acres, and is said to be valued at about \$20,000. The consideration named in the deed was \$5.

A keen brain and Steady, dependable nerves can Win wealth and fame For their owner.

Clear-headedness and A strong, healthy body Depend largely on the Right elements in Regular food and drink. Coffee contains caffeine—A poisonous drug.

POSTUM

Is rich in the Gluten and phosphates That furnish the vital energy That puts "ginger" And "hustle" into Body and brain workers. "There's a Reason."

PRELIMINARY GOLDEN CASE

Viola Paoli Protests When Customs Collector Removes Her Suitors Photograph.

TELLS STORY OF HER LOVE

Italian Girl Works Here as Servant to Get Money for Long Voyage Home.

If Viola Paoli ever returns to her former home in Italy, she will do so against the will of her parents, but at the urgent request of a young Italian physician, of Lunenburg, to whom she is betrothed. Miss Paoli, apparently about twenty years old, gave away the secret of her engagement to Deputy Collector McFarland, of Port Richmond, when her foreign suitor recently mailed her a gold locket, inclosing a miniature likeness of himself. The girl refused to serve in one of the Richmond hotels, but the housekeepers said yesterday that they could not identify her.

It was when Deputy McFarland undertook to remove the photograph from its golden case that Miss Paoli first showed emotion, and even when it was explained that the government reserves the right to examine the contents of even such sacred articles, she vehemently demanded that she be given the locket as sent.

Blushing with all the charm peculiar to the fairest daughter of Italy's sunny clime, Miss Paoli suggested that the man who sent the picture placed it there with an avowal of affection.

Eagerly Watched by Girl.
Despite her protestations, however, the deputy performed his duty, while the girl, crying, eagerly watched every movement of the collector. She over, cunningly pressed the locket in her hands and began the recital of her romance. Collector McFarland overcame some of the harshness with which he had been credited by declining to collect any duty.

Miss Paoli, with her parents, came to America seven years ago, and until two years ago lived in New York. She came to Richmond, where, as a servant, she expected to earn money enough to elude her parents and make the voyage across the sea to join her waiting fiancé. She cannot understand why her parents object to the union, and her only explanation is that they are unwilling that she shall leave the country. Miss Paoli refused to give the name of her Italian beau, and all that is publicly known of him here is that he is a medical man, and studied his profession in New York.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL HALL

Confederate Veterans Promise Support to Erectors of Structure.
NEW YORK, December 14.—General Clement A. Evans, of Atlanta, Ga., commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, has pledged the support of his organization to the building of a \$2,500,000 George Washington Memorial Hall at Washington, D. C., in a letter received here today by Mrs. Henry P. Dimock, who is heading a movement to provide adequate quarters for the national, patriotic and other societies.
"We commend every effort to continue in this city the work of the Washington Memorial Hall," Evans wrote. "The ascendancy of the name of George Washington. Your purposes accord with the desire and hope of this country, and the request is one that our country should be the most enlightened, useful, united government in the world."

ELECTION DECEMBER 30

First Battalion to Choose Major Cary's Successor.
A successor to Major Hudson Cary, in command of the First Battalion First Virginia Regiment, will be elected at a meeting of the captains and lieutenants of the battalion, to be held at the headquarters of the First Battalion in the armory at seventh and Market streets, December 30. The meeting will be at the headquarters of the First Battalion in the armory at seventh and Market streets, December 30. The meeting will be at the headquarters of the First Battalion in the armory at seventh and Market streets, December 30.

AMENDED LAW TO RECEIVE WOMAN

Dr. Emily Runyon Nominated for Membership in Academy of Medicine and Surgery.

Dr. Emily Runyon, the first female physician to make application for membership into the Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery, was last night nominated to membership along with Dr. McGavock and Dr. A. L. Uphur. In order to make Dr. Runyon eligible for membership, a special amendment to the constitution was made, allowing women to be members.

The following officers were elected for next year: President, Dr. Charles R. Robins; First Vice-President, Dr. G. P. La Roque; Second Vice-President, Dr. J. Fulmer Bright; Third Vice-President, Dr. A. G. Brown; Secretary, Dr. Mark D. A. G. Brown; Secretary, Dr. W. Broome Foster; Treasurer, Dr. W. A. Sheppard; Librarian, Dr. G. P. La Roque.

HELD FOR MURDER

John Hubbard Must Answer for Crime in Alabama.
John Hubbard (colored), wanted in Birmingham, Ala., for the murder of Michael Willie, a sixteen-year-old colored boy, is now in the county jail awaiting orders from the Alabama authorities. He was arrested early yesterday morning by Deputy Sheriff Traylor and Policeman Coffin. At first he said that he was the wrong man and protested that he had been locked up. Later, after the officers had found letters establishing his identity, he confessed, but said that he did the killing in self-defense.

HOME FOR GIRLS SEEMS ASSURED

Plan Is to Raise Funds for Building and Site by January 1.

JOHN P. BRANCH PRESIDENT

Directors Emphasize Great Need of Institution, and Ask State to Maintain It.

Determined to start at once on a campaign to raise funds for the purchase of a site and the construction of a suitable building, the board of directors of the Virginia Industrial Home and Training School for Girls, met yesterday afternoon in Mayor Richardson's office, elected officers, and virtually decided that plans shall be in definite shape by January 1. A bill will be prepared asking the Legislature to appropriate funds for the maintenance of the institution.

John P. Branch was elected president. Other officers were W. P. Dreyer, of Petersburg, first vice-president; John H. Roper, of Norfolk, second vice-president; John W. Craddock, of Lynchburg, third vice-president; R. A. Schofield, of Danville, fourth vice-president; Henry B. Baskerville, of Richmond, treasurer, and Rev. James Buchanan, of Richmond, secretary. The charter as amended was agreed upon.

Emphasize Need of Home.
The executive committee is composed of Dr. George W. McDaniel, chairman; Henry E. Baskerville, Samuel P. Wadell, Henry Landon Cabell, John Stewart, Bryan, Robert Lecky, Jr., and Henry S. Hutzler. John P. Branch and Rev. James Buchanan are ex-officio members of the committee. Vacancies in the board were filled as follows: Joseph E. Willard, John C. Itagan, Henry S. Hutzler, T. C. Williams, Anton H. Therman and P. H. Mayo, of Richmond, and W. S. Copeland, of Newport News.

An informal discussion followed the business session, in which the great need of the home was emphasized, and in which more than one of the directors pointed to the fact that there are many girls now confined in the various jails throughout the State who might be placed in the home. The plan is to ask the State to make an appropriation sufficient to carry on the work on the same plan now maintained at the Laurel Reformatory for boys.

Would Refer Prohibition.
Judge Frank Nelson, the member-elect of the House of Delegates from Calverton, was reported in the recent poll of the members of the Legislature as opposed to State-wide prohibition. Judge Nelson, who understood to favor local option, states that he would vote for a bill to submit the question of State-wide prohibition to the voters of the State should it become an issue before the Legislature at the coming session.

GIFTS COME HERE FROM WORLD OVER

Takes Time of One Man to Appraise Value of Dutiable Articles.

Imported articles of every description consigned to persons in many Virginia cities are being inspected and appraised by Collector Stewart, of Port Richmond, whose business it is to see that no dutiable articles pass through his hands until the government gets its tax. Under a ruling of the customs department, which is being enforced in the New York post-office from abroad, and which appears to be dutiable, is so stamped there, and the postmaster at the port to which the package is sent must see that some customs collector inspects it before delivery.

Under this ruling, postmasters in Fredericksburg, Clifton Forge, Charlottesville, Lynchburg and intermediate places are required to send such packages to Richmond.
Thousands of packages have been examined here within the past few days. Mr. Stewart stated yesterday that it requires the entire time of one of his men to open and appraise these individual shipments. In many instances the contents are found to be worthless, but in numerous instances the articles are of value, and the government, by this method of inspection, receives a large revenue.

At Christmas the packages are much more numerous than at other seasons, and as the parcels are received from long distances the senders seem to take an extra precaution to avoid delay, and their gifts are far ahead of time. In the assortment of labels taken from packages opened here, postmarks of nearly every country on the globe are represented. This traffic is much larger this year than ever before.

To Assess County Lands.

Judge T. Carter Scott yesterday appointed an extra precinct assessor to assess the lower district; J. W. Penick and O. Nichols, of the upper district of Henrico county, to assess county lands. This is the assessment which is required every five years.

Politicians Here.
Among well known figures in the political world who came to the city last night were Senator-elect J. J. Owen, of Prince Edward; former Legislator S. Wilkins Matthews, of Accomac, and James Mann, of Norfolk.

PLEASE DON'T

Believe that because we're at the head of the procession in Correct Clothes we lag behind in any of the details of dress. Not a bit of it. Our Shirts, our Gloves, Hats, Shoes, Hosiery, Neckwear—everything are up to the clock tick in style and freshness.

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- Correct Neckwear 50c to \$2.00
- Cosset Shoes \$3.50 to \$5.00
- Stetson Hats \$4.00 to \$5.00
- Correct Overcoats \$15.00 to \$35.00
- Correct Suits \$10.00 to \$30.00

Jacobs & Levy.

Our \$3.95 Children's Suits and Top Coats are \$5.00 and \$5.50 values.

Boys' Clothing Selling at a Reduction of From 10 to 35 Per Cent

Gans-Rady Company's Christmas Sale offers from now until Christmas Eve—

Every Boy's Suit, Every Boy's Overcoat, Every Boy's Reefer, Every Girl's Reefer, At a Reduction of from 10 to 35%

Every garment of every style is included in this sale.

Gans-Rady Company

POST-GRADUATE SURGICAL SCHOOL

Drs. Horsley, Shepherd and Terrell Will Begin Classes Here in February.

Dr. J. Shelton Horsley, assisted by Drs. W. A. Shepherd and E. H. Terrell, have arranged to establish a post-graduate course in surgery in Richmond, which will embrace clinical surgery, surgical pathology, and experimental surgery. The classes will probably start about the middle of February, and will be limited to four students. The courses will be made up in the order in which applications are received.

Being limited entirely to graduates of the medical profession, the courses will, it is said, supply a need in the perfection of men for work as practitioners, and will probably be the means of furnishing instruction which cannot be had now except in cities outside of Virginia. Dr. Horsley has been urged for some time to inaugurate such a work, and has assurances that the classes will be well attended from the beginning.

In clinical surgery, examinations will be made of patients before operation, and the technique at operation, together with pathological lesions present, will be demonstrated. The course in surgical pathology will consist of demonstrations in Dr. Horsley's laboratory of gross specimens and microscopic sections, with a description of (underlying) results.

Experiment on Dogs.

Experiments upon dogs will be a feature of the course in experimental surgery, and in this course the class will meet twice a week, and the students will be given an opportunity to operate. The operations will be performed under general anesthesia, and will embrace the ligation of arteries, the making of abdominal incisions, suturing intestinal wounds, trephining, resection of ribs and amputation.

Dr. W. A. Shepherd, director of microscopic laboratories at the Medical College of Virginia and the pathologist at the Memorial Hospital, will give a course in clinical diagnosis in the Memorial laboratory.

Covenanter Basketball.

The Ruben basketball team, led by basketball in the Covenanter gymnasium last night by a score of 15 to 10. The line-up: (Ruben) forwards, center, Adair, forward; McKee (Despot) forward; Adair, guard; Pusey, guard; Ruben—Pepper (captain), center; Lorraine, forward; Taylor, forward; Brown (Haman), guard; Seales, guard.

Arrests Yesterday.

Mark Armstrong, white, was arrested yesterday evening on a charge of being drunk and disorderly and of breaking up the furniture of Edna Ferguson and threatening her life.

George Bullock, white, was arrested on a charge of stealing \$28 from C. P. Harvey.

Waverly Jones, colored, was arrested on a charge of stealing an overcoat from Henry Taylor.

Bad Fall from Viaduct.

William Valentine (colored), a member of a bridge building force, fell from the Seaboard Air Line Viaduct at Fifteenth and Brown Streets yesterday morning and sustained severe injuries. He was removed to the Memorial Hospital. The negro suffered severe wounds of the head and body, and is feared internal injuries may develop. He fell about twenty feet.

Senator Early Arrives.

Senator R. B. Early, Jr., the missing member of the Senate Finance Committee, came to Richmond last night from his home at Dawsonville, Ga., and will sit with the committee at its hearings today. Senator Early represents the counties of Green and Albemarle and the city of Charlottesville.

Attachment Dismissed.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday in the case of John Brato against John H. Williams, a motion by the defendant to dismiss the attachment was granted by the court.

DESCRIBES WORK IN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Visiting Nurse Tells How Pupils Are Helped and How One Man Was Saved.

Miss Isaacson, recently appointed by the Instructive Visiting Nurses' Association for duty in the public schools, submitted yesterday her first report to the board of directors. During the month she examined forty-one pupils, four of whom were returned to their family physicians for treatment. The others were treated and returned to the classroom with the loss of practically no time from their studies. Miss Isaacson's work for the month was merely an experiment to show the need of a nurse at the public schools here. She is stationed at the High School for the present, having charge of the boys' and girls' hospital rooms, with which the new building is equipped. She works in conjunction with the school physician, who visits the building once every day.

The association's report made to the board showed that a total of 1,132 recorded visits had been made; of unrecorded visits there were 276, with twenty charges of neglect for other boys. She is stationed at the High School for the present, having charge of the boys' and girls' hospital rooms, with which the new building is equipped. She works in conjunction with the school physician, who visits the building once every day.

In one case a caretaker was supplied. A young man who had no attention except that given by his mother and the time spared by the visiting nurse, was ill with typhoid fever. The doctor ordered that he be kept in bed, saying that the mother was broken down. A nurse was furnished during the third week—the critical time. She took charge at once, and in two weeks was able to leave, having been the means of saving the patient's life.

SETTLING BASIN READY FOR TEST

Superintendent Davis Has Week's Supply of Clear Water Waiting.

At a meeting of the Council Committee on Water last night a contract for painting the buildings at the settling basin was awarded to Williams & Co. Chairman Mills was authorized to call the committee for a tour of inspection whenever the engineers in charge are ready for the final tests of the flume and settling basins in operation, probably on Saturday of this week. Superintendent Davis reported one of the basins filled with clear water, ready to use, and the work of repairing the concrete floor in the other as completed.

Plans were opened for the transmission line to connect the current from the new municipal electric plant to the pump-house for water pumping. The bidders each furnishing their own specifications and samples of proposed cable. The bids were: Electrical Engineering and Supply Company, \$19,500; W. H. Jones, \$12,500 (quotation good for three days only), and Tucker & Baxter, \$8,440. The bids were referred to a subcommittee consisting of Messrs. Holston, Fuller and Bennett and Engineer Trafford.

Mr. Remonds reported for a subcommittee in regard to the chestnut application for a refund of the cost of laying high pressure connections to the Hanover Apartments, with the recommendation that the claim be rejected, which was approved. Superintendent Davis recommended a number of cross-connections between Main and Broad Streets, to increase the fire protection of Broad Street, as a temporary measure, pending the laying of a new thoroughfare to the Reservoir, which were ordered. The chairman was directed to call a special meeting on Wednesday afternoon, December 23, to approve the pay-rolls before Christmas.

RICHMOND DOCTORS SPEAK

Annual Session of Surgical and Gynecological Association.
HOT SPRINGS, VA., December 14.—The twenty-second annual session of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association convened here to-day. There are over 100 surgeons in attendance.
The morning session was opened with an address by the president, Dr. Stuart McGuire, of Richmond. Others who addressed the association were Doctors Joseph Price, Philadelphia; H. A. Royter, Raleigh; Houston Patterson, Ann Arbor; Willard Bartlett, St. Louis; Robert T. Morris, New York City; Robert C. Bryan, Richmond, and J. J. Williams, Cincinnati.
At the afternoon session addresses were made by Doctors William Mastin, Mobile; J. Garland Sherrill, Louisville; Dr. M. P. Finney, Baltimore; Leagrang Curry, Columbia; Joseph C. Bloodgood, Baltimore; J. E. Taubel, Cincinnati; Dr. C. Coffey, Portland; W. B. Coley, New York, and Charles M. Rosser, Dallas.
The association will hold two sessions daily, adjourning Thursday next.